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SUBJECT: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: PS NATIONAL COMMITTEE
BACKS GOVERNMENT

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SUMMARY: THE SOCIALIST NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET JAN 8
AND SET THE DATE FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS TO
COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE OCTOBER NATIONAL CONGRESS.
MOTIONS SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT WERE SOLIDLY BACKED.
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PS DISSIDENTS RAISED A RUCKUS OUTSIDE THE HALL BUT
DID NOT GET INSIDE. END SUMMARY.

1. PS NATIONAL COMMITTEE BACKS GOVERNMENT: THE
SOCIALIST PARTY NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET JAN 8 IN
FIGUEIRA DA FOZ. THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE POLICY
OF THE SOARES GOVERNMENT AND SET THE WEEKEND OF

JAN 29 FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS TO COMPLETE UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE OCTOBER NATIONAL CONGRESS (REFTEL). THE PS NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSITIONS ON EDUCATION, LABOR, AND AGRICULTURE WERE DRAFTED BY WORKING GROUPS CHAIRED BY MINISTERS. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

- PROPOSED THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO EXPROPRIATED LANDOWNERS AND FORMER SHAREHOLDERS OF NATIONALIZED FIRMS BY MEANS OF GOVERNMENT BONDS WITH DIFFERING TREATMENT ACCORDING TO THE SIZE OF THE INVESTMENT.
- BACKED THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.
- CALLED THE "OPEN LETTER" MOVEMENT THE ONLY WAY TO CREATE A UNITARY DEMOCRATIC UNION FEDERATION.
- APPROVED RECENT GOVERNMENT STANDS AGAINST "FASCIST" NEWSPAPERS AND THOSE SEEKING TO PROVOKE ALARM.

2. DISSIDENTS: SUSPENDED PS DISSIDENTS, INCLUDING CARMELINDA PERREIRA, APPEARED OUTSIDE THE MEETING HALL TO DISTRIBUTE A "PIRATE" EDITION OF THE LISBON WORKING GROUP'S NEWSLETTER. INCIDENTS WITH THE DISSIDENTS FINALLY LED TO POLICE INTERVENTION. THE QUESTION OF THE DISSIDENTS EXPULSION WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING. SOARES NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ISSUE.

3. MEDEIROS FERREIRA TO YUGOSLAVIA AND SQITZERLAND:
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FOREIGN MINISTER MEDEIROS FERREIRA DEPARTS JAN 10 FOR A THREE DAY VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO SWITZERLAND. FERREIRA'S TRAVELS ARE RELATED TO PORTUGAL'S PREPARATIONS FOR THE BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE AND ARE PART OF A SERIES OF MINISTERIAL VISITS TO NONALIGNED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE FONMIN INTENDS TO VISIT FINLAND IN COMING MONTHS.

4. INTERIOR MINISTER TO LIBYA: INTERIOR MINISTER LTC COSTA BRAS LEFT JAN 8 FOR A ONE WEEK VISIT TO LIBYA. ON HIS DEPARTURE, COSTA BRAS SAID HE WILL DELIVER AN INVITATION FOR PRIME MINISTER QADHAFI TO VISIT PORTUGAL.

5. COMMENT: THE PS DISSIDENT GROUP CONTINUES TO KEEP ITS CASE BEFORE THE PUBLIC, AS SHOWN BY THE INCIDENTS AT FIGUEIRA DA FOZ. NEVERTHELESS, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MOVE THE PARTY LEADERSHIP.
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